

the george brown college of applied arts and technology

Two successful graduates describe their jobs

Danny Godard

Noise pollution has become a major concern of individuals and governments. In fact, an integral part of highway design is the study of ambient or average sound levels.

Danny Godard, a George Brown College Acoustics Technician graduate, is employed with the Engineering and Research Branch of the Ministry of Transport and Communications. His job, which pays in the \$9,000-a-year range, is to study the causes and ways of reducing noise.

It's never monotonous, says Danny; something new happens every day. Projects are sometimes long but most are challenging.

He particularly enjoys the travelling aspect of his job which takes him all over Ontario from Blind River to Kingston.

He takes noise surveys by taping sound then analysing it in a laboratory. After analysis the results are kept as research data or made into a report for environmental planners, engineers or surveyors.

He's also involved in the preliminary design of noise barriers and the testing of their feasibility. For instance, one of his jobs included noise level measurement before and after a Highway 401 privacy fence (sound reduction barrier) was erected.

In the study of ambient noise levels his department decides such matters as whether or not certain towns should be bypassed.

Future plans include research projects involving scale models of existing topography. Built on a 100-to-one scale, the models will allow researchers to determine if various reduction methods will be effective.

A native of Kapuskasing, Danny learned of George Brown through local industry. He enrolled in our electronics program in 1973 and after first year opted for the Acoustics Technician program because of the small classes, individual attention and good teachers, he says.

Wendy MacKenzie

In a working situation fellow employees care about how the

job is done, not whether you are male or female.

At least that's the experience of mechanical drafting graduate Wendy MacKenzie.

Wendy, who works in the maintenance department of Sidbec-Dosco Ltd., is the only female among 40 employees. The company manufactures finished wire, nails and weld mesh.

Wendy does design work and drafting for the maintenance and project engineering departments. She's concerned mainly with machinery parts and piping. To modify or standardize machinery parts she takes old drawings and works with the machine operator, foreman and engineer. Then she prepares a detail drawing.

Wendy said she was self-conscious when she first joined the company but soon realized that in a working situation only the "bored ones" worry about your sex. You know where you stand, she added, with the people who count.

Wendy has found her job easier than school. Adult men, she said, are a lot different to work with. They treat you as an equal. The salary for her job is in the \$10,000 a year range.

After completing Grade 10 at Alma College in St. Thomas, Wendy worked as a receptionist in an office and as a drug-store manager. She felt this last position was a dead end and her husband convinced her to follow her interests and enroll in the one-year mechanical drafting course at George Brown.

The course, she said, has given her more self confidence. Evaluating her position after two years with Sidbec-Dosco, Wendy says she received sound training at the College. Her only suggestion is the addition of electrical drafting to the curriculum.

George Brown is a family affair

Three members of one family have taken or are taking courses at George Brown.

Erika Von Berner, a recent real estate graduate, is now employed with Sunflower Real Estate. Her son Alex, 10, is in the Junior Gourmet Cooking course. He is renowned for his banana soup.

Mrs. Von Berner's daughter, Irene Swetlowski, is taking a one-year Architectural Drafting course. A former bank teller, she finds drafting more



Governors and staff honor retired board chairman

The Board of Governors of George Brown College met with senior administrators at a dinner honoring former Board Chairman Graham Gore at Kensington Campus in March.

Board Chairman Robert Bradley presented to Mr. Gore a medallion bearing a relief portrait of him (shown above) in honor of his service as a founding governor and later as Chairman of the Board. The medallion was designed and crafted by Dora de Pedery-Hunt, Governor and renowned Canadian sculptor.

The gourmet dinner was catered by the Food Technology Division under the direction of Chef Willy Brand. Chef Brand was felled by 'flu' at the last minute, but Chef Maurice Prior and Gladys Hubner, Catering Supervisor, rushed ably to the rescue.



Gloria Charvis is a recent graduate of Academic Upgrading. At the graduation exercises in February, she was the valedictorian. She spoke appreciatively of the patience and consideration of the upgrading staff. Miss Charvis said "the opportunity to meet people of different races and backgrounds" was particularly broadening. Despite the difficulties adults have returning to school, the experience is "well worth the effort" in her opinion.



Governor Dora de Pedery-Hunt with former board Chairman Graham Gore.

Who says

It's a man's world?

Judith Reid

Residents of Yellowknife, capital of the Northwest Territories, rely heavily on their major source of heat, the oil burner.

Judith Reid, a 22-year-old student from Yellowknife, eventually hopes to own an oil burner servicing business. With this in mind she has enrolled in the Oil Burner Servicing program at George Brown. A five-month Manpower retraining course, it includes such subjects as heating systems, load calculation and the mechanics of the oil burner. She's the only female in the program and finds the workload heavy. But she says she's enjoying it.

Judith heard of the course through the Department of Education after completing a course in settlement maintenance at Fort Smith, Northwest Territories. The four-month program involved repair work and five trades including oil burner servicing.

She says her interest in oil burner servicing peaked after she woke up freezing seven times in two months because her oil burner had broken down. The final blow came when she returned from work to find her trailer home and all her possessions frozen solid. Damage was so extensive she had to move out.

Judith says that, due to a housing shortage, many Yellowknife residents live in trailers and the prospect of a "freeze up" is frightening. Winter lasts nine months and the temperature can dip to -60 degrees. She would like to initiate a maintenance program to prevent oil burner failure.

Judith hopes to work for herself as soon as possible. She needs a van, tools, a stock of parts, a business license and an office. She estimates it'll cost about \$2,000, not including the van, to start up.

A former bush camp cook, Judith now cooks about 21 hours a week at Parboos, a Toronto restaurant. So with



Barbara Pratt, Electronics



Judith Reid, Oil Burner Servicing

classes all day and cooking into the wee hours of the morning, she's a busy girl.

Barbara Pratt

Twenty-three-year-old Barbara Pratt isn't enrolling in stereotypical female jobs.

She finds physical labor more challenging, and recently spent a year out west working at part-time jobs such as tapping beer, working at a lumber mill and sorting raw fur pelts.

Now she's enrolled in the first year of George Brown College's Electronics Program. Her experience flying small planes — she has her private pilot's

licence — has prompted her to take the acoustics option next year. The noise level in small aircraft, she says, is a problem and deafness a very real threat. She hopes through acoustics training to be able to explore possible solutions.

Barbara says she's enjoying the technical aspect of the electronics program despite the fact that she was arts-oriented at high school and took a year of training at the Ontario College of Art.

She's the only female in the program but says she's "only conscious of being a woman if I'm reminded... it really is a relaxed situation."

people

Pat Rauer has transferred from the Admissions Department at MacPherson to become assistant to personnel director Larry Weiss (Feb. 23).

Joyce Pickard has joined the teaching staff of St. Michael's Hospital Campus (Jan. 5).

Lyla Leyandowski, formerly Lyla Seppala, married Dec. 22. She teaches at the Toronto General Hospital Campus.

Sharon Freeborn has joined the Toronto General Hospital Campus as a secretary (Feb. 20).

Bernard Thomas has joined the Architectural Technology Division, Casa Loma Campus, as a Civil Engineering instructor (Jan. 5).

Alex Bryden has joined the Electro-mechanical Division, Casa Loma Campus, as a Millwright instructor (Jan. 5).

Michael O'Grady will teach Machine Shop for the same division (Feb. 9).

Erik Genzer will teach Hotel and Food Administration in the Food Technology Division, Kensington Campus (Jan. 5).

John Lyons has joined the Food Technology Division as an instructor in Residential Property Management (Feb. 16).

Gladys Hubner is the new catering supervisor with the Food Technology Division (Feb. 17).

Norma Kent is a new typist-steno in the Dental Arts Division, Casa Loma Campus (Jan. 5).

Lynn Jones is a new Dental Assisting instructor with the Dental Arts Division (Feb. 1).

Garry Lansky has joined the Fashion Technology Division, Kensington Campus, as an instructor in Apparel Management (Jan. 5).

Albert Shaw has been promoted to co-ordinator of the Upholstering Department, Fashion Technology Division.

Alina D'Addario has joined the Fashion Technology Division as a power sewing instructor (Jan. 5).

Marcelo Paz is a new caretaker at St. James Campus (Feb. 2).

Constantin Pylarinos is new caretaker at Kensington Campus (Feb. 4).

John Matush is new caretaker at Casa Loma Campus (Feb. 16).

Elizabeth Zywert has joined the Academic Studies Division at St. James Campus as a secretary (Feb. 9).

The stork was busy visiting MacPherson staff in March: first a boy, Dennis Marec, to Jagoda and Vladimire Holman (Placement); then a boy, James, to Sul and Larry Pang (Payroll); and yet another boy, Christopher Henry, to Nola and Clifford Todd (Accounts). Congratulations to all.

Numerical control instructor George Danac and Tool Making Technician student Bill McRae appeared on the front cover of the February issue of Canadian Machinery and Metalworking magazine illustrating highly skilled machining processes using a GE 400 computer timesharing system. The same equipment was shown at the Canadian Machine Tool Production Show last May, says George Danac. George Brown is the only community college using the numerical equipment in a "hands-on" manner so students can gain actual experience operating it, he says. CM&M praised the College for its "contribution to education in numerical control". Mr. Danac is chairman of the Central Ontario Chapter of the Numerical Control Society.

George Brown students placed second in a day-long marketing competition, March 11.

Competitors from Sheridan, Ryerson, Humber and Centennial also participated in the contest sponsored by the Industrial Marketers of Toronto.

All teams attended the IMT dinner meeting where the two top teams were announced.

The GBC team consisted of Terry Goddard (5th semester); Nina Alfano and Thomas Fung (4th semester); David Singh and Dax Sukhrak (3rd semester).

The winners



Men's basketball team won its third consecutive OCAA championship in March. Top L to R: J. Cheng, R. Chase, V. Sparks, K. Moses, G. McKeigan, G. Skinner, A. DeSilva, V. Drake. Bottom L to R: C. Tillman, R. Wilson, M. Hornblow, H. Sheppard, R. Blisson, J. Abes, D. Weber.



Women's basketball team won its third consecutive OCAA championship in March. Top L to R: T. Baginski, J. Shantz, E. McKee, R. Weber, L. Gagnon, M. Boyd, A. Barbier. Bottom L to R: A. English, D. Pritchard, A. Van Heivoort, C. Skutelsky.



Coch Alex Barbier gets special thanks from door prize winner at February reception following OCAA women's volleyball meet.

Events on campus

Design-A-Line

Fashion industry representatives were at Kensington Campus recently to judge two apparel lines designed by third-year Creative Fashion Design students Connie Clayton and Marcel Reece.

The marks awarded the two students will comprise half of their final third-year grade. Fashion chairman Ken Holmshaw said the judges were "generous" with their marks and those who had attended last year's Design-A-Line show

were impressed with improvements in the format this year.

The show, called Before and After, included a line of maternity wear by Connie and a line of sports wear by Marcel. Fashions were judged on saleability, workmanship, acceptability in current fashion, suitability of fabric to design, and price.

Connie and Marcel are now preparing their second apparel lines for which they will receive their final grades.



Marcel Reece



Connie Clayton



St. James Campus holds a cultural day.



Industry reps visit Kensington

Middle management personnel from some of Toronto's top hotels visited Kensington Campus, March 9, for a day-long seminar on training techniques.

The seminar was the second in a series being run by instructor Peter Chasson to promote the Food Technology Division's co-op program in the 12-week Front Office and Reception Course. The program allows front office students to spend a full three weeks working in industry as part of their course. Approximately 30 hotels are participating.

In turn, the College is bringing into the classroom persons from industry to sample the kind of training we provide on campus.

The first industry group included front office and housekeeping staff from 13 Toronto hotels on the subject of communications and human relations.

Another seminar is planned for the end of April.



It's no disaster area. The bodies stretched out in Casa Loma gym are giving blood at the March Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic.

First contact with campus admissions office may be the most important for College image



A campus admissions clerk has to be records-keeper, bill collector, advisor, diplomat, interpreter and information officer rolled into one—it's not easy.

Mosaic staff talked with supervisors in the Admissions Offices at Kensington, College, St. James and Casa Loma campuses to get some insight into the trials and tribulations of the job and also the rewards.

Sheila Cooper at Kensington Campus, who's been with the College about six years and in admissions since last September, describes her job and those of co-workers Helen Connors, Rita Rossi, Carole Millar and William Armstrong, this way: "We handle all enquiries about courses and programs on campus; direct people to different areas for detailed information; keep student records up-to-date, including Manpower attendance and changes in status such as marriage and citizenship; produce student reports for the central admissions office; collect fees; and generally 'pour oil on troubled waters'."

"Students come to us with all sorts of problems other than academic," she says. "We try to direct them to people who can help them. One of the most satisfying experiences," she says, "is when you can discourage a student from leaving when they think they're 'in over their head'."

"I hate any kind of rudeness to students," says Sheila. "They're the most important people on campus. If they weren't here we wouldn't have a job. I don't like rudeness on the telephone either. The impression people get on the telephone is often their first and most lasting impression of the College — it's terribly important. If we get calls from people who don't speak English very well, we try to put them at their ease and find someone who can speak their

language. Then they feel good because they know that when they come into the College, someone will help them."

At College Campus, the language center of the College, working with non-English-speaking students of all ages makes the job of the admissions clerks particularly challenging.

Supervisor Hedy Scapachio speaks Polish, and admissions clerks Grizelia Schanderl and Anna Ludwig speak Portuguese and German—as well as English—which helps. But many of the ESL students at the Campus now are from East Asia. "Even though some of them don't know a word of English," says Hedy, "you soon get to know what they're asking."

She started working in admissions at College Campus when it was still an Adult Education Center, 10 years ago. Grizelia and Anna are also "old timers" having been with the College nine and 10 years respectively. Anna takes the evening shift from 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Hedy and Grizelia, and part-timer Diane Mantini, work the 8 a.m. to 3:30 shift.

"They work as a 'real team'," says Hedy, looking after registration, fee collection, paperwork and information, for the 1,300 or so day and night students registered at any one time in English As A Second Language and other languages. Each week there's a registration of from 35 to 40 students for ESL night courses and about 30 students every four weeks for day courses. "There are students coming and going all the time," says Hedy.

The admissions office at St. James Campus is another busy place. The department is supervised by Vi Uchiyama, the principal's secretary. Vi is also personnel representative for St. James Campus.

Of the seven other staff members, Rose Hudson and Mary O'Neill handle telephone and counter enquiries. Rose also looks after acceptance letters and Mary types timetables and supervises the registration of Manpower students.

Carol Cunningham and Vera Khan take sick calls. Vera also handles Manpower and fee-payer withdrawals, reports, certificates and transfers, and Carol looks after attendance.

Martine Talbert is in charge of files, reports and withdrawals for post-secondary programs. Muriel O'Connor is responsible for Manpower and fee-payer registration forms, transfers and refunds, and Anne Rannio handles part-time evening courses including transfers and withdrawals.

At Casa Loma Campus, students register for and graduate

from three continuous intake courses every Monday. Every eight weeks there's an apprenticeship intake. Four times a year there's part-time registration and every September full-time registration. The number of students admitted on any one day may vary from 10 to a thousand.

At any given time, the campus has about 6,000 full and part-time students attending. They range from teenagers to middle-aged persons with educational backgrounds as varied as the lower grades of public school to high school and post-secondary graduation.

Admissions supervisor Judy Anderson and clerks Marlene Gordon, Helga Hoene, Elma Gabriel, Sue Mongeon and May Ayres, handle all registration and withdrawals, fee collecting, attendance paper-

work, report typing, and telephone and counter information.

If someone has a problem they come here first, says Judy. "You never know what kind of question you're going to get. Sometimes it has nothing to do with George Brown. We get questions on Manpower, unemployment insurance, even programs at other colleges and schools."

"A lot of people don't realize how difficult and important a job it is," she says. "We're criticized when wrong information is given out but people don't think about all the right information we give out."

Judy has worked for 2½ years in the Casa Loma Admissions Office. "For people who like working with people," she says, "the job is very satisfying."

Fitness students take North York principals through their paces



Forty-two public school principals from the North York Board of Education had their fitness tested by students of George Brown's Fitness Instructor Program at Casa Loma Campus in February.

This first testing and evaluation was Phase I of a proposed four-part educational program promoting the importance of fitness programs in schools, and better fitness among the principals themselves.

Each participant spent approximately two hours with a student testing and evaluating his or her present physical state. This was followed by a workshop at the College studying movement behavior and developing individual home exercise programs. Participants will be retested in April, then a general meeting will be held to discuss the results and statistical analysis.